



# March 2021 Newsletter

*To give aid and encouragement in promoting the education and well-being of at-risk children in the state of Georgia.*

Sports is a huge part of my life, whether by doing, watching or discussing – thus, “Make Giving a Sport” was a natural theme for this year! Watching movies is another favorite pastime of mine, and we all know that watching movies and television series during the pandemic has become a sport in itself and a popular topic of many conversations. So I thought I would combine the concepts and give you a list of the top 10 sports movies of all time (according to Bleacher Report), plus a few of my personal favorites that didn’t make the list. So, happy streaming!

1. The Sandlot
2. Remember the Titans
3. Rudy
4. Rocky
5. Hoosiers
6. Miracle
7. Field of Dreams
8. The Pride of the Yankees
9. Major League
10. League of Their Own



And a few more I’m taking the liberty to add: The Blind Side, Jerry Maguire, Invictus, Cinderella Man, Heaven Can Wait, and The Longest Yard (original one with Burt Reynolds).

Mwah,  
Elaine LaMontagne, Co-President

As I write this today, the sun is shining and we are at 72 degrees, an absolutely glorious day. I don’t know about you, but the coming of spring is giving me renewed hope that we will finally be seeing a return of something close to normalcy. I believe masks are here to stay and hand shakes may be a thing of the past, but with any luck, maybe we can again begin gathering with our friends and family in the near future. I just can’t wait; I have truly missed my Circle friends. Zoom just can’t compete with seeing someone in person!

Elaine and I have tried to lead this year with the safety of our fellow Circlites as our most important mission. Thanks to all of you for staying engaged during these socially distant times. I know we are not out of the woods yet, so we have a fun social outing on the calendar next month that keeps in mind COVID-19 precautions. What better way to spend an evening than wine tasting outside on the patio! Hope you will join us for this safe get together. Read the newsletter for more information.

In honor of St. Patrick’s Day this month, I’m wishing all of you a pot of gold and all the joy your heart can hold! And if by chance my wish comes true and you find that pot of gold, maybe use some of it to buy a sponsorship to this year’s fundraiser. Only \$1000.00 gets you into both the Ultimate Tailgate and the patron party, which includes a behind the scenes tour of the Braves stadium.

Congratulations to Cindy Formica and BJ Wooldridge for finding last month’s green heart hidden in the newsletter. This month it’s a wee little leprechaun. First two to email me at [thecircle4children@gmail.com](mailto:thecircle4children@gmail.com) with its location scores a little St. Patty’s day cheer.

Xoxo,  
Danielle Houret-Lam, Co-President

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### Winter General Meeting and Fashion Show

Atlanta Country Club  
Wednesday, March 10, 2021  
11:00 am

### Spring Fling Dance

Devereux Advanced Behavioral  
Health  
Thursday, April 8, 2021  
*More info to come*

### Wine Tasting Social

Deep Roots Tasting Room  
Historic Downtown Roswell  
Wednesday, April 14, 2021  
6:00 pm

### Executive Board Meeting

Wednesday, April 21, 2021  
Time and Place TBD

### Junior Social Hibachi Dinner

Orient Express, Vinings  
Wednesday, April 28, 2021  
Time TBD

### High Phase Dinner/Social for 40 Students at Devereux

Monday, May 3, 2021  
*More info to come*

### Spring General Meeting

Wednesday, May 5, 2021  
Time and Place TBD



Patron Party for  
Ultimate Tailgate Sponsors  
Terrapin Taproom and Braves'  
Truist Park, The Battery  
Sunday, May 16, 2021  
3:30 pm

Ultimate Tailgate  
College Football Hall of Fame  
Saturday, June 5, 2021  
6:30 - 11:00 pm

## ANNUAL FUNDRAISING EVENT - ULTIMATE TAILGATE EXPERIENCE

*Highlight your calendar for the Ultimate Tailgate at the College Football Hall of Fame for the Circle's biggest fundraiser of the year- Saturday, June 5, 2020, 6:30 P.M. Dinner, dancing, auctions, museum tour options, and more!*

And speaking of more... our Ultimate Tailgate will have approximately 15-18 round tables that we will use for eating and socializing in between all the fun. Our theme is, of course, sports! We are asking for 18 table decorating hostesses. The venue provides linens, glassware, plates and flatware. We are looking for 18 Circle members to create fun, sports centerpieces for the tables. You can do one solo or do one or more in groups. The more the merrier. The opportunities are endless: soccer, tennis, football, cricket, bowling, a fave college team, a fave pro team - search your imagination. They do not need to be elaborate, just fun!



Here are some photos that may get your creative juices flowing.

If interested, please contact Heather Rees, [heatherrees27@gmail.com](mailto:heatherrees27@gmail.com).

**Thank you for being a member of the TEAM!**  
*Heather and Charlene*

### Patron Party at the Battery!

This year's Patron Party should prove to be an absolute blast! Join us for a cocktail party at Terrapin Taproom at The Battery, followed by a behind-the-scenes tour of the Atlanta Braves Truist Park – with beer, wine or water in hand!

**Sunday, May 16, 2021**  
**3:30 -5:15 pm – Cocktail Party and Games**  
**5:30 – 6:30 pm – Tour of Stadium**

Any level sponsor of the Ultimate Tailgate event is considered a Patron, even the \$1000 level, which includes 2 tickets to the Patron Party, 2 tickets to the Ultimate Tailgate, and name featured in event program, on website and upcoming newsletter. Contact Heather Rees (678-887-7884), Elaine LaMontagne (404-295-9510) or Danielle Houret-Lam (404-432-4444) to discuss or have important information forwarded to you.



[Click Here to Learn More about Sponsorship Opportunities!](#)

**Make Giving a Sport Auction Sign Up: [Deadline April 1, 2021](#)**

*Don't Forget: Members are required to sign up to help with creating an auction basket - those that don't sign up before deadline will be assigned to help a group with a basket!*



Make this year's auction at the Ultimate Tailgate fun and exciting, all while raising funds to support our beneficiaries, Devereux Advanced Behavioral Health and the Linda Gross Memorial Scholarship Fund. Sign up **TODAY** for an auction basket- collaborate with a friend and get inspired (two people can sign up for each basket)!



Don't see a basket you want to sign up for? Contact Kristin Harbison at [kristinlgross@gmail.com](mailto:kristinlgross@gmail.com) so we can create a custom slot for you!

[Click Here to Sign Up!](#)

### Sponsor Spotlight: Moore Colson CPAs and Advisors

*(via Steve and Elaine LaMontagne)*

Moore Colson is the business advisor of choice for companies seeking thoughtful financial and strategic guidance. That's why since 1981, family-owned businesses and Fortune 500 corporations alike have trusted the firm with their accounting and consulting needs. Nationally-recognized, Atlanta-based Moore Colson has the experience and personal touch to support clients and help their businesses grow.

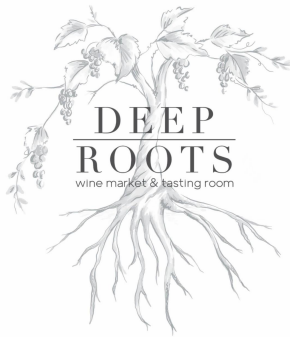


Giving back to the local community has always been at the core of who Moore Colson is as a firm. Moore Colson takes civic responsibility seriously and encourages employees to contribute to the communities around us. Each year, the firm invests countless volunteer hours and other firm resources in local community organizations. Moore Colson staff and partners also support several local organizations through board representation. As a long-term sponsor of The Circle for Children, Moore Colson is proud to partner with an organization that works hard to support disadvantaged youth throughout metro Atlanta.

Learn more at [MooreColson.com](http://MooreColson.com).



### UPCOMING EVENTS



Warmer weather is right around the corner ladies ....  
Join us for an evening on the patio for our



**ALFRESCO WINE TASTING**  
at Deep Roots Wine Market and Tasting Room  
Downtown Historic Roswell- Plum Tree Village



**Wednesday, April 14th  
6:00- 7:30 pm**

Charcuterie Board and Chocolates to enjoy while we  
taste and learn about various Spring Wines with our Wine Educator!

Sign Up on our website -\$38.00 per guest - purchase tickets by April 6th

For additional information contact  
Mary Beth Wegener 770-356-3754 or [wegenermbw@gmail.com](mailto:wegenermbw@gmail.com)

***LOOKING FOR A SPECIAL, UNIQUE, FUN, MEANINGFUL***

**GRADUATION GIFT**

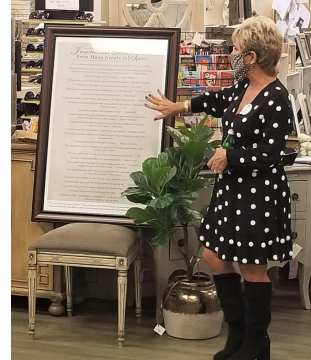
**TEACHER GIFT**

**COACH GIFT**

*Or simply something new for your home or office?*

**Consider the Circle's poster fundraiser of Inspirational Quotes  
by Greats in Sports:**

- Only \$25 (unframed)
- 36" x 24", high quality, neutral colors
- 25 quotes from sports greats selected after Circle membership research and then a final vote by the students at our beneficiary, Devereux Advanced Behavioral Health
- They will be available at the upcoming Circle General Meeting and Fashion Show at the Atlanta Country Club, or the Circle Website at [thecircle4children.org](http://thecircle4children.org), or by contacting Elaine LaMontagne at 404-295-9510, [elainelamontagne123@gmail.com](mailto:elainelamontagne123@gmail.com)



A small way to support the Circle ...

**Click Here to Purchase a Poster TODAY!**

## **MISS EAST COBB - COVER GIRLS!**

For those of you on social media, you might have seen a new local on-line "publication" called Miss East Cobb. It's a fun, informative, easy-read concept that highlights interesting people and stories with an East Cobb connection. And it was originated by our very own junior member, Krista O'Neal! She selected the Circle for Children to be featured on the premier issue last month, with a theme of *Leading a Charity during a Pandemic*. It received lots of great feedback, so thank you, Miss East Cobb!



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# MISS East Cobb



## The Circle for Children

FUNDRAISING DURING A  
PANDEMIC

LOCAL NEWS & HEARTWARMING STORIES TO REFRESH YOUR SOUL! PLUS, A VETTED LIST OF LOCAL BUSINESS PARTNERS!

### DEVEREUX UPDATE

Love was definitely in the air at the Devereux Valentine Dance last month. While the Circle volunteers were not able to personally attend the festivities because of COVID-19 precautions, Circle love was strongly felt with our donations of cookies, cakes, candy, and decorations galore. The Devereux cafeteria was transformed into a red and pink paradise! Thanks to all the ladies who donated the goodies and a special shout out to Heather Rees for once again serving as a drop off spot for all our donations. The Circle's total donation to this event was valued at almost \$500!!



We are once again collecting for the deserving students of Devereux at the Circle General Meeting and Luncheon on March 10 at Atlanta Country Club. Please help us fulfill their needs by donating men's and women's underwear and no-show socks, all sizes are needed from small to extra-large.

If you are unable to attend the meeting, you can drop off your donations at the home of Heather Rees, 4461 Club Lake Circle, SE, Marietta, 30067 between the dates of March 3rd and 7th. There will be bins on the front porch to deposit your donations. If you have any questions about this collection, please contact our Devereux Liaison BJ Wooldridge at either 678-571-1459 or [bjwooldridge@bellsouth.net](mailto:bjwooldridge@bellsouth.net)



## Spring Fling Dance

Devereux Advanced Behavioral Health

April 8, 2021



We hope to be able to have volunteers in person to help with the Spring Fling Dance, however we are dropping off supplies at the home of Heather Rees in the event Devereux decides to not allow volunteers on site.

### SIGN-UP DEADLINE IS

Friday, March 12, 2021

*Early sign up due to Easter and Spring Break*

**You can drop off items** in the bins on Heather's porch (4461 Club Lake Circle SE, Marietta) from **March 27 - March 31** If you need to reach Heather, [heatherrees27@gmail.com](mailto:heatherrees27@gmail.com)

Contact for event: BJ Wooldridge,  
678-571-1459 or [bjwooldridge@bellsouth.net](mailto:bjwooldridge@bellsouth.net)

[Click Here to Sign Up!](#)

## MEMBERSHIP UPDATES

### Membership Spotlight: Kayla Discus

*Kayla Discus - New member*

*Krista O'Brien- Circle Sponsor*

**How long have you lived in Atlanta?** 4 years

**How did you hear about us? (The Circle for Children)** Krista O'Neal

**What enticed you to our group?** I love the mission and the actions the group takes to create community. I'm drawn to helping children, especially those who need help the most.

**Tell us about yourself?** I have been married to my husband, Jon, for 5 years now. Jon and I met in college, we were both student athletes. He played baseball and I played softball. We have a dog, Lucy, and a cat, Chloe. We love to hike and be outdoors. My passion is graphic design and I own my own Marketing and Graphic Design business called Of Grace Marketing & Design LLC. My husband is an outside sales manager for a wholesale agricultural company called BWI Companies. We are Christians and attend Grace Chapel Church of Christ in Cumming, GA. We are very active in our church, volunteering on the host team (or aka the greeters). I also volunteer as the 6th grade girls Youth Leader. We grew up in Illinois near Chicago, then moved to Minneapolis after college graduation. We were in Minneapolis for 5 years before relocating to Georgia for jobs.



### Purse Auction Reminder

Hi everyone, another reminder about our Purse Sale in 2021. Please keep saving purses to donate and ask all your friends and families.



If you want to donate them now, I will gladly store them until the sale; date to be determined. Call me at 770-980-0763 and I will pick them up or drop them at my home 4758 Rivercliff Landing Marietta, GA.

Thanks and Happy New Year!  
Cindy Formica

### How can you make money for the Circle?

**JUST BY SHOPPING, nothing is easier!!!**



Just sign up for Amazon Smiles and Kroger Awards. The instructions are at the bottom of the newsletter. If you have any trouble please reach out to Cindy Formica at 770-980-0763 or [cindyformica@comcast.net](mailto:cindyformica@comcast.net).





## MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

**Access the Directory online with new Password!** The new 2020-2021 directory of active Circle members can now be viewed on our website. For the privacy of all members, the directory is password protected. You can access the directory under the membership tab on the website.

The **new password is Circle2021** and it is case sensitive. Please don't share this password with non-circle members.



March 1 Tricia Leuallen  
March 4 Brittany Thompson  
March 9 Sue Butler  
March 11 Cathy Snyder  
March 14 Carole Templeton  
March 16 Melissa Stuk  
March 17 Carolyn Polakowski  
March 25 Gwin Oliver  
March 25 Konni Minter  
March 29 Doris Van Wagenen  
March 30 Charlene Rowe

If your birthday (month and day) is not in the new Circle directory, please email that information. We would love to acknowledge that special day.  
[triciaeuallen@atlantafinehomes.com](mailto:triciaeuallen@atlantafinehomes.com)

### Circle Celebration Fund

Can't think of a gift for a friend? Consider donating to the Circle Celebration Fund in their name. A lovely acknowledgment will be sent to the honoree informing them of the donation you made in their name. Please contact Tricia Leuallen if you would like to donate [triciaeuallen@atlantafinehomes.com](mailto:triciaeuallen@atlantafinehomes.com)

### Circle Correspondence

Please send any Circle Correspondence to the Corresponding Secretary, [triciaeuallen@atlantafinehomes.com](mailto:triciaeuallen@atlantafinehomes.com) for announcements of births, loss of loved ones, outstanding events or illnesses. Please include the individual's address so Tricia can send the appropriate correspondence. Also, indicate if the information should be posted in the newsletter.



### What is Amazon Smile?

Amazon Smile is a simple and automatic way for you to support the Circle for Children every time you shop at no cost to you. When you shop at [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) you'll find the exact same low prices and vast selection as [amazon.com](https://amazon.com), with the added bonus that Amazon will donate 0.5% of eligible purchases to the Circle.

[smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) uses your current Amazon account.

### How Do I Get Started?

Click the button below to get started or on your first visit to [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) you will be asked to select a charity. Type in The Circle for Children. Click the "select" box next to it. Click "agree" to confirm you have been informed that you must go to [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) every time you make a purchase in order for the Circle to receive the charitable donation from Amazon.

**Click Here to Sign Up for Amazon Smile**



Kroger Community Rewards will donate a portion of your grocery purchase total to The Circle for Children.

Please sign up for a Kroger Card the next time you're grocery shopping and link it to The Circle for Children.

To link your Kroger card go to [www.kroger.com](https://www.kroger.com) and enter The Circle for Children number, 33533. You can also call Kroger at 1-800-562-4438 and they will sign you up over the phone.

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